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Village Cooperative at Novoselets

1. Village cooperatives (Selkoop) are formed with the capital of individual shareholders. Profits from these cooperatives are not distributed but are converted into capital. They pay 12 percent of the profits to the central government as well as excise taxes. They pay 20 percent of their profits to the RKS (Rayonen Kooperativen S'uyuz; Area Cooperative Union) of which they are branches. The cooperatives sell all types of consumer goods with the exception of items such as medicines.
2. The RKS manages the Selkoops in its area, buys village produce and sells consumer goods. It pays 36 percent of its profits to the TsKS (Tsentralen Kooperativen S'uyuz; Central Cooperative Union) for conversion into capital. The remaining profit is divided between the Ministry of Finance and a fund to the account of the shareholders.
3. The TsKS controls the RKS organizations and is one of the agencies determining Bulgarian domestic and foreign trade.
4. The Novoselets Selkoop "Podkrepa" was formed in 1927 with 300 members and 1,000,000 leva (old currency). This cooperative dealt only in essential goods and by 1953, as a result of interest payments from the National Bank, had a capital of 8,000,000-10,000,000 leva (old currency).
5. The officers of the Novoslets cooperative are as follows:

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a. Petür Nedkov Dimchev, director

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b. Tonvu Bonev Rusev, assistant director; [redacted]

c. Zhelezko Georgiev Yordanov, accountant [redacted]

d. Denka Dimitrova Nedelcheva, cashier [redacted]

e. Minka Peycheva Stancheva, archivist [redacted]

6. The members of the executive committee of the "Podkrepa" are the following:

- a. Dobri Petkov Dobrev;
- b. Milko Georgiev Yordanov; and
- c. Gocho Yovkov Kunev.

7. The positions of director, assistant director, and member of the executive committee are honorary. The monthly salaries of the paid officials of the cooperative are as follows:

- a. Accountant, 500 leva (new currency); and
- b. Cashier, employees in the accounting and sales offices, 420 leva.

The "Zagorets" RKS

8. All of the village cooperatives in Nova Zagora Okoliya belong to the "Zagorets" RKS. In 1951, "Zagorets" made a profit of 90,000,000 leva (old currency). [redacted]

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9. "Zagorets" has 170 employees. The administrative committee is composed of the director, assistant directors, section chiefs, and the accountants. Employees are as follows:

- a. Venyu Trifonov, director [redacted]
- b. Dobri Gospodinov, first assistant director [redacted]
- c. Stancho Georgiev, second assistant director [redacted]
- d. Rusi Ganchev, chief of the commercial section, [redacted]
- e. Petur Kukushev, chief of the purchasing section [redacted]
- f. Vasil Dobrev, chief accountant [redacted]
- g. Ivan Neykov, an experienced accountant [redacted]

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h. Zlati Mitev, an experienced accountant

10. The Commercial Section has various departments, such as drapery and ironmonger; the purchasing section also has various departments such as eggs, leather, vegetables, etc.

11. The government makes exorbitant profits on every article sold. For example;

- a. A packet of aniline dye is sold for 100 leva (old currency); the purchase price is 54 leva, the cooperative receives four leva profit, the government gets 42 leva; and
- b. Caustic soda is 300 leva (old currency) per kilo, of which the government receives 200 leva.

The Novoselets Agricultural Cooperative

12. The Novoselets TKZS (Trudovo Kooperativno Zemedelsko Stopanstvo; Labor Cooperative Farm) owns 6,500 acres of land and grows wheat, barley, cotton, and sunflowers. It uses small farm equipment such as tractors and threshing machines provided by the MTS (Mashino Traktorna Stantsiya; Machine Tractor Station) in Mlekarevo (N 42-21, E 26-07), Nova Zagora Okoliya, on a 1-year contract basis.

13. After delivery of the State quota, which is not based on crop percentage but is fixed, the remainder is apportioned to the MTS and TKZS members by cash payments based on "work days." If the State quota is not fulfilled, the deficit must be made up with purchases on the open market at a high price, which is a frequent occurrence.

14. Sixteen families in Novoselets are not members of the cooperative. They possess 200 acres of land, but formerly had much larger landholdings. About 95 percent of the fertile land in Nova Zagora Okoliya belongs to the TKZS groups.

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